



**INTERCOLLEGIATE
BROADCASTING
SYSTEM**

706 SANDERS AVENUE, SCHENECTADY 2, N. Y.

April 13, 1950

Miss Patricia Butler
Station WCSR
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Butler:

We have read with considerable interest recent releases in "This Week" magazine of March 22 and April 3 concerning the Pioneer Broadcasting System which links your station, WMUS, and IBS station WAMF at Amherst. We are indeed pleased to see that advantage has been taken of the close proximity of these three schools in establishing a local network.

We are also pleased that your public relations department has been successful in procuring good publicity for your operations as this will further the cause of the entire college radio movement.

I wish to call to your attention a somewhat erroneous impression given the reader of your March 22 release that your network is the first of its kind. It is indeed the first time that your three stations have been joined by a network, but the documented facts are that it is not the first network of campus radio stations.

In the interest of accuracy in future news releases, I am sure you will be pleased to learn the following data: The first network program carried over wire lines between campus radio stations was a single program on May 10, 1945 from station WKCR at Columbia University and carried over twelve other stations of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System as follows: WYBC, Yale; WESU, Wesleyan; WBRU, Brown; WHRB, Harvard; WPRU, Princetown; WHRC, Haverford; WSRN, Swarthmore; WMS, Williams; WRUC, Union. In addition WRAD, Radcliffe and WBRN, Bryn Mawr received this program over local loops which connected them with Harvard and Haverford respectively.

In the fall of 1945 there was inaugurated the Middle Atlantic Network which operated for at least a year on a daily basis and which connected WSRN, Swarthmore, WHRC, Haverford and WBRN, Bryn Mawr. After this network closed the next network to appear was the Empire network in Upper New York State which was inaugurated in the spring of 1947 and operated for approximately seven weeks. At first it was composed of

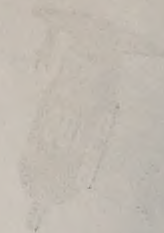
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WRUR, Rochester; ~~WRSB~~, Sampson; WVBR, Cornell. The last three weeks of the school year in the spring of 1947 this network was expanded to include KSLU, St. Lawrence; WNTC, Clarkson College of Technology; WRUC, Union and WRPI, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The next network to appear ^{was} the Philadelphia Inquirer Collegiate Network sponsored by that newspaper and linking WRTI, Temple University; WXPB, University of Pennsylvania and WSRN, Swarthmore. That network was begun in the spring of 1949 and operated until the end of that semester. In the fall, continued financial support was not available from the newspaper and so station WSRN was dropped and the network became the Philadelphia Collegiate Network linking WRTI and WXPB. This network has been operating all of this school year and this spring a low power FM station, WPWT, operated by the Philadelphia Wireless Institute was added to the network to receive programs only in a two hour period in the afternoon. This network is also different from the others in that Temple being a "subway" college programs the network afternoons and the University of Pennsylvania programs in the evening. Thus, both stations are able to maintain much longer broadcasting hours than they could by themselves. Plans are now in the formative stage to expand the network around Philadelphia and bring in the stations at Swarthmore, Haverford, Villanova, Harcum Junior College and Bryn Mawr if the station can be re-established.

The idea of network operations as you can see from the above is one which has been received with interest by campus stations wherever they are close enough together to make a network possible without excessive wire charges. Other networks have been proposed such as the Connecticut Valley Network and one on the west coast around San Francisco but have not materialized because of high line charges.

We wish your network every success and hope that the many problems which you will meet can be solved expeditiously. We hope also that the non-IBS stations in your network will desire to attend meetings of the IBS which may be held in your region and also we hope that you will come to understand the aims and objectives of IBS and will desire to join.

Very truly yours,

David W. Borst

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Operations Manager

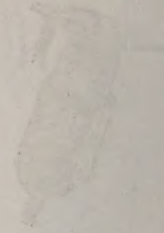
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Very truly yours,
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Special Agent in Charge

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